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Macomb County offers new discount dental program

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – Beginning in August, residents who have no dental insurance available may be able to sign up for a new dental discount program.

The new dental plan grows out of the discount drug programs offered through Macomb County Department of Senior Citizen Services. The discount dental plan was approved Wednesday, July 15, by the Senior Citizen Services committee and will go before the full Board of Commissioners next Thursday, July 27.

“Any county resident can sign up for this program,” said Jon Switalski, chair of the Senior Citizen Services committee. “It’s an inexpensive plan that offers excellent benefits regardless of age or income level.”

The discount dental plan will cost \$69 per family per year (all family members are covered). Plan members will receive a 20-60 percent discount on a comprehensive list of dental procedures, including annual oral exams, cleanings, x-rays, fillings, crowns and orthodontics.

Members must choose a dentist from a providers list, but any dentist can become a provider. More than 100 dentists are listed for Macomb County.

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Under the program, the county Senior Services department will cover the application process; the provider company, Benefit Control Methods will handle everything else.

Benefit Control Methods also is the provider of the discount prescription drug program for 18-59 year olds and a separate program for seniors age 60 and older. With the discount drug program, 18-59 year olds now pay a \$13 annual fee while the fee for the seniors drug program is paid for by the Board of Commissioners.

For adding the dental plan, Benefit Control Methods will lower the fee for the prescription drug programs from \$13 to \$12. This will reduce the county-paid annual cost of the senior prescription program from \$240,000 to \$150,000.

The new discount dental plan is separate from the discount drug programs. Residents do not have to be a member of the drug programs to sign up for the discount dental program.

For more information on the discount dental plan or the discount prescription drug programs, call 586-469-6313

About Macomb County

Macomb County is an enriching community in Southeastern Michigan that has one of the state's fastest rates of growth. Its 834,000 residents make it Michigan's third-largest county, with direct access to Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay, and a host of cultural and entertainment options. Its highly skilled workforce and investment in new and expanding businesses make it open to enterprise. Active civic leadership translates into balanced budgets and Michigan's second-lowest tax rate. An increasingly diverse population and high quality of life make Macomb County accessible to all.

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